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whose death has been due to bubonic plague or who are suspected of having had the disease.

3. Prohibiting the transport of any material that is infected or is suspected of having been infected with the plague. And to state that these measures would take effect on the second day after the date of the order, namely, December 20 last.

I inclose herewith duplicate copies of the order in question, with translation.

Respectfully,
Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

STANFORD NEWEL.

[Inclosure 3 in No. 361.—Translation.]

Order of December 20, 1900, fixing extraordinary measures for prevention of the bubonic plague and the combating of the spread thereof.

ARTICLE I.

It is prohibited, except with the special permission of the minister of the interior, and with due observance of the measures adopted by him for the prevention of the spread of infection :

1. The examination of persons or goods for symptoms of the bubonic plague by means of experiments on animals ;

2. The post-mortem examination of the corpses of persons whose death has been due to the bubonic plague, or who are suspected of having had the disease ;

3. The transport of any material that is infected or is suspected of having been infected with plague matter.

This order shall be in force for the period of one year, and shall take effect on the second day after the date of the Official Gazette and Official Journal in which it is inserted.

The minister of interior is charged with the execution of this order, which shall be simultaneously inserted in the Official Gazette and Official Journal, and a copy of which shall be sent to the council of state.

THE HAGUE, *December 20, 1900.*

WILHELMINA.

S. GOEMAN BORGSJUS,
Minister of the Interior.
Issued this December 28, 1900.

CORT V. D. LINDEN,
Minister of Justice.

PORTO RICO.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., *January 7, 1901.*

SIR: Through chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract bills of health reports for the week ended January 5, 1901; also, report of immigrants, the summary of transactions of this station, and mortality report of the city for the month of December, 1900.

Six vessels were inspected and passed and 7 bills of health were issued during the week.

During the next two or three months it is expected that a number of steamers will call at this port for coffee, sugar, etc., as this is the principal export season and Ponce the export port of the island. These are trans-Atlantic steamers returning to Europe which do not usually stop here. They come, many times, from Cuban ports and suspicious ports of Central and South America, but bring no cargo and few passengers for Ponce. It is customary to hold those from Cuba, etc., in quarantine, allowing them to take cargo under guard. All baggage, unless disinfected at port of departure, is so treated here.

The death rate of Ponce still decreases, being 41 less in December than in November.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

Summary of transactions of Service during the month of December, 1900.

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| Number of deaths reported during December, 1900 (a)..... | 229 |
| Number of deaths reported during December, 1899 (a)..... | 303 |
| Number of births reported during December, 1900 (a)..... | 85 |
| Number of births reported during December, 1899 (a)..... | 90 |
| Total number of vessels inspected during December, 1900..... | 14 |
| Total number of vessels inspected during December, 1899..... | 27 |
| Total number of bills of health issued during December, 1900..... | 18 |
| Total number of bills of health issued during December, 1899..... | 26 |
| Number of vessels in quarantine during December, 1900..... | 2 |
| Number of passengers inspected during December, 1900 (incoming)..... | 94 |
| Number of passengers inspected during December, 1900 (in transit)..... | 101 |
| Number of crew inspected during December, 1900..... | 603 |
| Number of immigrants inspected during December, 1900..... | 10 |
| Rejections..... | 0 |

Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the month of December, 1900.

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| Diseases of— | | Gangrene..... | 1 |
| Digestive system..... | 77 | Sarcoma..... | 1 |
| Respiratory system..... | 13 | Poisoning..... | 1 |
| Circulatory system..... | 7 | Old age..... | 3 |
| Nervous system..... | 8 | Bright's disease..... | 1 |
| Malnutrition, anemia, inanition..... | 65 | Arteriosclerosis..... | 1 |
| Malaria..... | 29 | Metritis..... | 2 |
| Tuberculosis..... | 13 | Tumor of the thorax..... | 1 |
| Dysentery (not epidemic)..... | 3 | | |
| Diphtheria..... | 2 | Total..... | 229 |
| Tetanus, traumatic..... | 1 | | |

Report of immigrants inspected at the port of Ponce, P. R., during the month of December, 1900.

Total number of immigrants inspected, 10; number passed, 10.

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended January 5, 1901.

PONCE, P. R., January 7, 1901.

SIR: Through chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended January 5, 1901: January 4, French steamship *Salvador*, from Fort de France, St. Pierre, Pointe a Pitre, Basse-Terre, St. Thomas, with 2 immigrants.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

a These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce.